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November 29, 2015

Weekend Masses

Saturday: 4:30PM

Sunday: 8:30 and 10:30AM

Daily Mass

Monday: 6:45AM

Tuesday-Friday: 8:30AM

Thursday: 6:15AM

Confessions

Sat: 3:30PM & *Wed:* 6:00PM

& by appointment

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday: 6:00-7:00PM

Parish Office Hours: Monday-Friday 8AM-4PM

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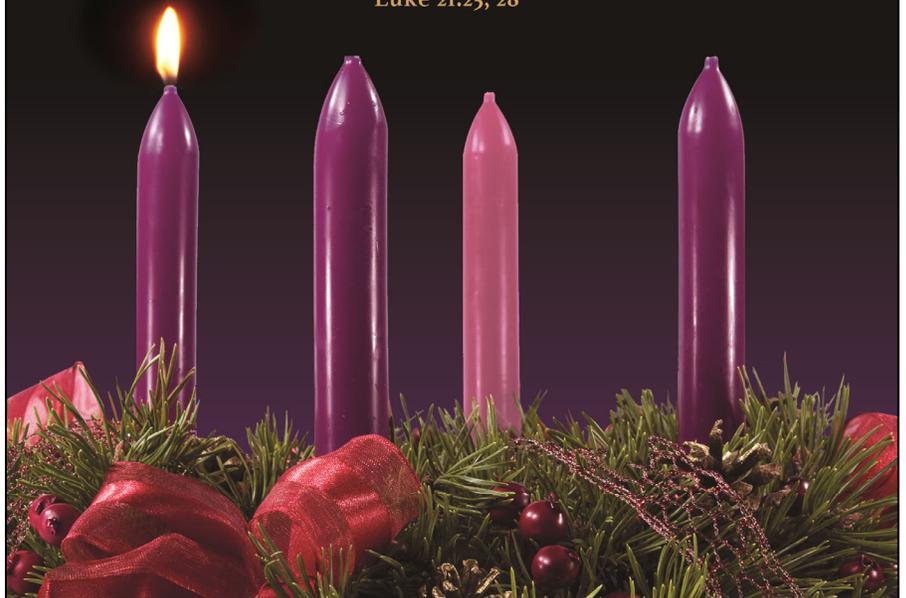
First Sunday

OF ADVENT

NOVEMBER 29, 2015

*There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars.
When these signs begin to happen,
stand erect and raise your heads
because your redemption is at hand.*

Luke 21:25, 28



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END OF YEAR GIFTS TO ST. REGIS

As you begin your season of buying and giving gifts, we would like to encourage you to make an end of year gift to St. Regis for 2015. Many people enjoy using Christmas and the end of the year as a special time to give to their parish and school. All gifts made on or before December 31, 2015 are tax deductible for 2015. Remember that your gift helps us provide all of the ministries and educational opportunities that we offer here at St. Regis Parish and School.

GIVING TREE



Gift tags for the Giving tree will be available the first Sunday of Advent, **November 28/29**. Join in the St. Regis tradition of giving! Help bring hope and joy to those in need this Christmas by taking a tag off the Giving Tree. The gifts should be wrapped and returned by **Monday, December 14**. Thank you for your generosity.

SIGN UP FOR HOLY DAY & CHRISTMAS MASSES

Greeters, Lectors, Communion Ministers and Servers are invited to sign up for the 6:15am, 8:30am and 6:30pm Masses on the Immaculate Conception and the 4:30pm and Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve and the 10:30am Mass on Christmas Day. Please sign up in the Gathering Space.

EMOTIONAL HEALTH & FREEDOM THROUGH FORGIVENESS

Pope Francis announced the coming year will be an *Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy*. The Bishop Helmsing Institute is offering a special *Year of Mercy* course, *4Given*, on the theme of forgiveness. The 3-part course will be presented at St Regis by Scott McKellar of the Bishop Helmsing Institute.

STEWARDSHIP APPEAL FORMS

Thanks for the great response to our 2016 Stewardship Annual Appeal. We encourage those who have not returned their forms to please do so by dropping it in the collection basket or stopping by the Parish Office. We are grateful for your willingness to share God's blessing through your commitment to Stewardship and the sharing of your Time, Talent and Treasure. Please note the new contribution year begins January 1, 2016.

Based on the model developed by Catholic psychologist Dr. Robert Enright, the *4Given* course will introduce you to a scientifically tested program of forgiveness designed to benefit you, the forgiver. This program has helped people find freedom from anger, resentment, bitterness, and self-destructive behavior patterns.

The course will be offered in Mary's Room at St Regis on Thursday evenings in December: Dec 3, 10 and 17 from 7 to 8:30pm. A free will offering will be solicited. Please register at the Gathering Space table after masses on November 29. See <http://mybhi.org/4given/> for more details about the course.

HOSPITALITY SUNDAY

Next **Saturday, December, 5th** and **Sunday, December 6th**, the Social Service Ministry Council will host Hospitality Sunday. Cookies will be served on Saturday and coffee, juice and donuts will be served after the 8:30am and 10:30am Masses. Please plan to share in this time of community fellowship.



REKINDLED: A STUDY OF THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

Join Kyle Sellnow, a theology teacher at O'Hara High School, for a study of the Acts of the Apostles and what it means for us and parish life today. The study will take place on Sundays at Noon, beginning on November 29th in the Mary's Room.. Please come and feel free to invite friends and family.

PHOTOS WITH SANTA

You better watch out, you better not cry, you better not pout, I'm telling you why, Santa Clause is coming to St Regis! The Ladies Auxiliary are hosting Photos with Santa on **Sunday, Dec. 6th**, in the School music room. We are asking \$7 a photo with the option to print or send your own electronically again this year. Santa will be in the building from 9am until noon.



MARCH FOR LIFE

Registration is now open for the 2016 March for Life Pilgrimage to Washington DC, January 20-23. This four-day trip will include the Vigil for Life Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, a Youth Rally and Mass at the Verizon Center, meetings with U.S. Legislators, a Rally on the National Mall and participation in the 2016 March for Life.

Registration will remain open through Saturday, **December 12**, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americans and Protector of the Unborn. To register visit www.respectlifekcsj.org.



ADVENT FAMILY FUN EXTRAVAGANZA December 10th 6:00-7:30pm

St. Regis will host the 1st annual Advent Family Fun Night. Activities will include cookie decorating, story telling, Advent Bingo, Santa and Joseph's Workshop. We want to invite parish members, parents and kids to St. Regis. We would love to see everyone come together as a community this holiday season

THE CATHOLIC STEWARD

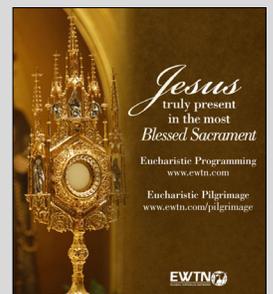
Today is the first Sunday of Advent. Advent is a time of preparation for us, a time to prepare for the coming of Christ at Christmas. (The word "Advent" comes from the Latin word *adventus*, which means "coming.") Although Advent refers to Christ's birth at Christmas, it also refers to the coming of Christ through the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Finally, it reminds us of the need to prepare for His Second Coming.

Everything we do during this holy period should be aimed at preparing our minds and hearts for Christ's arrival. Our readings today, from our First Reading in which the prophet Jeremiah predicts the coming of Christ ("The days are coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise.") to our Gospel from Luke ("And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.") anticipates Christ's arrival, both as an infant and in His return.

As individuals and families and households we need to develop or continue Advent traditions. Whether it is setting time aside for special prayer or carefully filling a manger or lighting an Advent wreath or singing Christmas carols or reading Christmas poems and stories, we need to do some different things and do them consistently throughout Advent. This will help us have the both the right focus and the right attitude.

24 HOUR ADORATION

Friday, December 4th, there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Adoration beginning after the 8:30am Mass and lasting until 9am on Saturday. Please consider giving an hour of your time. You may sign-up on the board outside the Chapel or simply show up during the day. At 11am there is a Holy Hour for Church Vocations led by Serra Club of S.E. Kansas City. All are welcome to share in this praying ministry.



SCHOOL NEWS

We have received an invitation from the Raytown Chamber of Commerce to participate in the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony which will be held on **Friday, December 4th** in Downtown Raytown, next to the Pocket Park at 63rd and Raytown Road. Our students will be singing Christmas songs at 5:30pm. Please come out and support our students in the Raytown Community.



Our Christmas program for ECC- 5th grade is quickly approaching on **December 17th**, we will be performing in O'Hara's Theater at 6:30pm. Please join us in celebrating Christmas together as a school.

Service Wednesday, on December 2nd will be used to fill our Shoebox Santa gifts for Little Sisters of the Poor.

School will be closed on December 8th to will celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

MOTHER'S REFUGE OPEN HOUSE

Plan to attend the Mother's Refuge Christmas Open House Thursday Dec 10th from 4-8pm or Sunday December 13th from 1-4 pm. Mother's Refuge is a residential home for Pregnant Teenage girls that St. Regis Parish supports through our ministries. It is located at 3721 Delridge, Independence, MO 64052. Contact Mary Ernstmann at 366-0431 for car pool information.

FIRST RECONCILIATION

The students in St. Regis School and School of Religion that have been preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and First Communion will celebrate their 1st Reconciliation on Thursday, December 3. Please keep these young people in your prayers as they learn about God's forgiveness and grow deeper in their relationship with Christ.

HELP WANTED

We have a homebound parishioner who needs help with light housekeeping and shopping. If you are interested in this position please call the Parish Office, 761-1608.

SCRIP/GIFT CARD NEWS

The Holidays are fast approaching. Don't forget to make those lists and remember that some people might just want gift cards. When you purchase your Gift Cards through St. Regis, we receive back a small percentage that benefits our parish. We have some special denominations just for the Holidays: \$5 Panera, \$10 Target, Wal-Mart, Amazon, AMC, IHOP and Applebee's. Check the list available in the Gathering Space and start planning today. For more info contact Susan Duerr – sduerr@regischurch.org. Cards are available for sale on Sundays after the Masses. Happy Shopping!

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

All children in grades K-4th are welcome to participate in Children's Liturgy of the Word at the 10:30am Mass on **Sundays, December 6 and 13**. The children are blessed and dismissed from the church to reflect on the scriptures and share in activities that help them to deepen their faith. Please encourage your children to join us.

SUNDAY CHILDCARE

Sunday Childcare will be available for 2-6 year old children on Sundays, **December 6 and 13** from 9:30am to noon in room 104.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION WITH CONFESSIONS

Join us for Adoration and
Confessions
every Wednesday 6:00-7:00pm.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>6 <i>Hospitality Sunday</i> 830am Mass 9am Pictures with Santa 1030am Mass/Childcare/ Children Liturgy 12pm Choir Practice 7pm Youth Group</p> 	<p>7 645am Mass 700pm RCIA 700pm SSMC</p>	<p>1 830am Mass 630pm Discovering Christ 700pm Rosary 700pm Cursillo</p>	<p>2 830am Mass 6pm Eucharistic Adoration w/Confessions 7pm School of Religion 700pm Christ 101 700pm Choir Practice</p>	<p>3 615am Mass 830am Mass 9am Scripture Sharing 1025am O'Hara Mass 700pm Boy Scouts 700pm 4Given 7pm 1st Reconciliation</p>	<p>4 830am Mass 9am 24 Hour Adoration 1215pm School Dismiss</p>	<p>5 <i>Hospitality Sunday</i> 330pm Confessions 430pm Mass</p>
<p>13 830am Mass 1030am Mass/Childcare/ Children Liturgy 5pm Confirmation 7pm Lessons & Carols</p> 	<p>14 645am Mass 1025am O'Hara Mass 700pm RCIA 7pm Reconciliation Service w/St. Matthews Gifts due for Giving Tree</p>	<p>8 <i>Immaculate Conception</i> 615am Mass 830am Mass 630pm Mass 7pm Rosary 730pm Discovering Christ No School Parish Office Closed</p> 	<p>9 830am Mass 6pm Eucharistic Adoration w/Confessions 7pm School of Religion 700pm Christ 101 700pm K of C 700pm PTO</p>	<p>10 615am Mass 830am Mass 9am Scripture Sharing 1025am O'Hara Mass 6pm Advent Family Night 700pm Choir 700pm 4Given</p>	<p>11 830am Mass</p>	<p>12 <i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i> 900am Mass 330pm Confessions 430pm Mass</p>
<p>20 830am Mass 1030am Mass Food Collection</p>	<p>21 <i>Soup Kitchen</i> <i>Meatloaf Monday</i> 645am Mass 700pm RCIA</p>	<p>15 830am Mass 630pm Discovering Christ 630pm Book Club 700pm Rosary</p>	<p>16 830am Mass 6pm Eucharistic Adoration w/Confessions 7pm School of Religion 700pm Christ 101</p>	<p>17 615am Mass 830am Mass 9am Scripture Sharing 630pm Christmas Program 700pm Boy Scouts 700pm Choir 700pm 4Given</p>	<p>18 830am Mass 1215pm School Dismiss. for Christmas Vacation</p>	<p>19 330pm Confessions 430pm Mass Food Collection</p>
<p>27 830am Mass 1030am Mass</p>	<p>28 645am Mass 700pm RCIA</p>	<p>22 830am Mass 630pm Discovering Christ 700pm Rosary 700pm Worship Council 700pm Choir Practice</p>	<p>23 830am Mass 9am 4th Wed. Breakfast 6pm Eucharistic Adoration w/Confessions 700pm Christ 101 700pm K of C</p>	<p>24 <i>Christmas Eve</i> 430pm Mass Midnight Mass Parish Office Closed</p>	<p>25 <i>Christmas Day</i> 1030am Mass Parish Office Closed</p> 	<p>26 330pm Confessions 430pm Mass</p>
						
						
<p>27 830am Mass 1030am Mass</p>	<p>28 645am Mass 700pm RCIA</p>	<p>29 830am Mass 700pm Rosary</p>	<p>30 830am Mass 6pm Eucharistic Adoration w/Confessions</p>	<p>31 <i>New Years Eve</i> 830am Mass 600pm Mass</p>		

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION

Hi! I'm three months old now. I'm about 3 inches long and I weigh one ounce. That's not much, but I'm fully formed and can even suck my thumb!! Please keep praying for me and my parents too.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion.



Archbishop O'Hara High Presents the
10TH ANNIVERSARY

Evening of Celtic Pride

DINNER & AUCTION

Saturday, December 12, 2015

TICKETS \$25 EACH

(Tables of 8 may be reserved for \$250)

Doors open at 5:30pm

Dinner at 6pm

RAFFLE - DINNER - MUSIC - LIBATIONS

TICKETS MAY BE PURCHASED AT
WWW.OHARAHS.ORG

Please Remember In Your Prayers: Susan Nealy, Wes McKellar, Seth Dujakovich, Jack Mitchell, John Hernandez, Jean Kraus, Shannon Severt, Pat Beard, Carol Beard, Rose Solo, Beth Heidler, Mary Pat Lambert, David Berg, Joe Underwood, John Weaver, Fran Wadle, Eleanor Cutler, Don Knipp, Rose Marie Larson, Gilbert Valle, Dean & Mary Starr, Herb Letzig, Jack Uhlig, Jacob Smith, Veronica Maschek, Marsha Crum, Gene Helling, Dorothy Linn, Joseph Day, John Biegel, Cathy Groover, Frances Lucas, Bobbie Duncan, Michael Whitehorse, Larry Schmidt, Sr. Marie Neff, Sr. Therese Pfeifer, Leonard Como, Aidan Jones and the many parishioners who are experiencing situational and financial hardships.

Liturgical Roles

December 5 & 6

Lectors

- 4:30pm Marvin Chaney & Francis Brenner
- 8:30am Sue Nichols & Joan Sack
- 10:30am Theresa Van Pelt & Ora Reyes

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

- 4:30pm Dorothy Quinn, John Nash, Mike Nash
Larry Hayden, Rita Jackson, Alex Pope
Charlene Helling & Gretchen Maschger
- 8:30am Betty Roder, Paul Roder, Jane Marzano
Sue Nichols, Mary Jordahl, Mike Murtha
Sue Quanty Smith & Kathleen Robb
- 10:30am Ora Reyes, Tony Reyes, Virginia Reyes
Kathy Wolff, Don Wolff, Cathy Albers
Prisca Tizimbune & Theresa Van Pelt

Servers

- 4:30pm Katherine Barton & Audrey Maglich
- 8:30am Anna Strobl & Haley Baker
- 10:30am Kenna Schmidt & Daniel Schmidt

Greeters

- 4:30pm Larry Hayden & Iruka Hannon-Watford
- 8:30am Sherry Falke & Robert Falke
- 10:30am Richard Rademacher & Julie Schmidt

Mass Intentions

Monday, November 30

6:45am †Peggy Hanson by Lydia Peterson

Tuesday, December 1

†Peggy Hanson by Joanne Whitehorse

Wednesday, December 2

For the Intentions of the Surber Family

Thursday, December 3

6:15am †Chris Helling by Gene & Charlene Helling
8:30am †Alice Monteil by the Monteil Family

Friday, December 4

†Carolyn Mitchell by Joanne Whitehorse

Saturday, December 5

4:30pm †Patricia Smith by Tom Smith

Sunday, December 6

8:30am People of St. John Francis Regis Parish
10:30am †Martha Lock by Bob & Rose Brown

IRA GIFTS

Have you have made a charitable gift to St. John Francis Regis parish from your IRA in the past? Are you interested in doing so in 2015? If so, there is a flyer on the kiosk in the gathering space that explains the details based on current IRA regulations. To find out more information, pick up a flyer and read about it or call Greg Vranicar at 816-714-2363. Greg is in charge of Planned Giving at the Diocese and is knowledgeable about the latest tax laws regarding IRA Gifts.

ONLINE GIVING

St. Regis now offers Online Giving. We are providing this service so that you have the option to manage your contributions either online or with your offering envelopes. This service is safe and secure. Sign up for Online Giving by visiting our parish website at www.regischurch.org and click on the Online Giving link.

DIRECTOR, STEWARDSHIP & DEVELOPMENT

The Diocese of Kansas City – St. Joseph is searching for a Director of Stewardship and Development. This full-time position will direct and implement a comprehensive program, including stewardship education on time, talent, treasure; the annual Bishop's appeal; annual fundraising activities, the coordination of special events, and long-term development efforts such as support of the Catholic Community Foundation, estate planning and corporate donor programs. Please visit Job Opportunities at www.diocese-kcsj.org.

DIOCESAN NEWS

The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is committed to combating sexual abuse in the Church. If you are a victim of sexual abuse, or if you *observe or suspect* sexual abuse: Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at 1-800-392-3738 (if the victim is currently under the age of 18); Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911, and after reporting to these civil and law enforcement authorities, report suspected *sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult* to the Diocesan Ombudsman, Jenifer Valenti, at 816-812-2500 or JeniferValenti@att.net, if the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph. The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families. Please contact Victim Advocate at 816-392-0011 or victheadvocate@diocesekcsj.org for more information.

Schedule of Events**Sunday, November 29**

8:30am Mass
10:30am Mass/Knights of Columbus
5:00pm Confirmation
7:00pm Youth Group

Monday, November 30

6:45am Mass
7:00pm RCIA

Tuesday, December 1

8:30am Mass
6:30pm Discovering Christ
7:00pm Rosary
7:00pm Cursillo

Wednesday, December 2

8:30am Mass
6:00pm Eucharistic Adoration w/Confessions
7:00pm School of Religion
7:00pm Christ 101

Thursday, December 3

6:15am Mass
8:30am Mass
9:00am Scripture Sharing
10:25am O'Hara Mass
7:00pm Boy Scouts
7:00pm 4Given
7:00pm 1st Reconciliation

Friday, December 4

8:30am Mass
9:00am 24 Hour Adoration
12:15pm School Dismissed

Saturday, December 5

Hospitality Sunday
3:30pm Confessions
4:30pm Mass

Sunday, December 6

Hospitality Sunday
8:30am Mass
9:00am Pictures with Santa
10:30am Mass/Childcare/Children Liturgy

BULLETIN DEADLINE

The deadline to put announcements in the bulletin is 8am on Monday prior to the following Sunday.

1st Sunday of Advent

November 29, 2015

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